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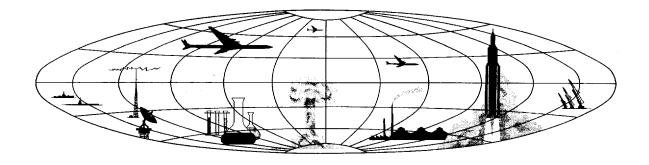








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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3131, DATED 4 NOVEMBER 1962 ---

-MISSILES-

CASILDA, MISSILE EQUIPMENT AREA 2146N Ø7958W

EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED 1.5 NM SSE OF TRINIDAD, AND 1.7 NM NNE OF CASILDA PORT AT 21-46-40N 079-58-40W.

THE AREA, THROUGH WHICH UNIMPROVED RANDOM ROADS RUN, CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS -- 4 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE ERECTORS WITH LAUNCH STANDS ON THEM, 12 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, ONE CHERRY PICKER, 16 FUEL-TANK TRAILERS, 2 OXIDIZER-TANK TRAILERS, 6 LARGE AND 4 SMALL TENTS, 6 UNOCCUPIED FIELD ARTILLERY POSITIONS, 3 SMALL AW POSITIONS AND PERSONNEL TRENCHES, 11

TRUCKS, 24 VANS, 8 GENERATORS/AIR COMPRESSORS, AND

A PARTIALLY WOODED AREA CONTAINING MISSILE-RELATED

23 UNIDENTIFIED PIECES OF EQUIPMENT DISPERSED UNDER TREES (ATTACHMENT 1).
THE RANDOM ROAD PATTERN WAS IN EVIDENCE ON

D HOWEVER, NO EQUIPMENT WAS VISIBLE ON THAT DATE.

25X1D

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LA SIERRA CRUISE MISSILE SITE 2156N Ø8Ø19W

3.5 NM SW OF LA SIERRA.
A NEWLY IDENTIFIED CRUISE MISSILE SITE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED 3.5 NM SW OF LA SIERRA AT 21-56-48N Ø8Ø-19-3ØW.

THE SITE APPEARS OPERATIONAL AND CONTAINS THE SAME ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS AS THOSE FOUND AT THE BANES SITE. THE SITE CONSISTS OF 2 UNREVETTED CANVAS—COVERED LAUNCHERS WITH A CANVAS—COVERED TRANSPORTER IMMEDIATELY TO THE REAR OF EACH LAUNCHER (ATTACHMENT 2). EACH LAUNCHER HAS AN ASSOCIATED PROBABLE CONTROL POSITION CONNECTED BY CABLE. THE

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LAUNCHERS ARE LOCATED IN A SHALLOW DEPRESSION ABOUT 135 FT ABOVE SEA LEVEL AND ARE ORIENTED AT APPROXIMATELY 270 DEGREES. ALL FACILITIES ARE CONCEALED BY CANVAS OR NETTING. ON HIGH GROUND TO THE REAR ARE 2 UNIDENTIFIED RADARS CONNECTED BY CABLE TO THE CONTROL POSITION, A VERY TALL TRUCK-MOUNTED PROBABLE ANTENNA, A POSSIBLE CAMOUFLAGED GENERATOR, 2 NETTED VEHICLE REVETMENTS, ONE CONTAINING A VAN, AND 5 TENTS. APPROXIMATELY 900 FT WEST OF THE LAUNCHERS IS A SPARSELY WOODED AREA CONTAINING AT LEAST 4 PROBABLE ARCHED-ROOF CRATES, 3 TRUCKS, AND A TENT. SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED ITEMS ARE CONCEALED ALONG A TREE LINE NORTH OF THE SITE. A 3-GUN LIGHT AAA POSITION IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY.

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SIGUANEA CRUISE MISSILE SITE 2137N Ø8258W

SITE APPEARS OPERATIONAL. TWO LAUNCHERS ARE REVETTED.

NO MISSILES ON LAUNCHERS. FIVE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS
TO REAR. NUMEROUS TRUCKS/VEHICLES.

SIGUANEA SAM SITE 2137N Ø8257W

SITE APPEARS TO BE OPERATIONAL. FOUR LAUNCHERS ARE REVETTED. ALL 6 LAUNCH POSITIONS ARE NETTED. THREE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS.

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MANZANILLO TO GUANTANAMO CITY HIGHWAY 2020N 07707W

NO MISSILE EQUIPMENT OBSERVED ON HIGHWAY FROM MANZANILLO WEST FOR APPROXIMATELY 5 NM. ONLY SMALL SEGMENTS OF HIGHWAY VISIBLE ALONG REMAINDER OF ROUTE.

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REMEDIOS TO SANTA CLARA HIGHWAY 2229N Ø7932W

NO MISSILES OR MISSILE-RELATED EQUIPMENT OBSERVED ALONG HIGHWAY. SCATTERED CLOUDS AND OBLIQUITY PRECLUDE COMPLETE SEARCH.

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SAGUA LA GRANDE TO CIENFUEGOS HIGHWAY 2243N Ø8ØØ4W

NO MISSILES OR MISSILE-RELATED EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

SCATTERED CLOUDS AND OBLIQUITY PRECLUDE COMPLETE

25X1D SEARCH OF THE HIGHWAY.

SANTA CLARA TO HAVANA HIGHWAY 2224N Ø7958W

MUCH OF HIGHWAY COMPLETELY CLOUD COVERED. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES IDENTIFICATION OF MISSILE EQUIPMENT ON VISIBLE PORTIONS OF HIGHWAY.

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-AIRFIELDS-

COLONEL MARTIN MARRERRO AIRFIELD 2150N 08247W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE VISIBLE. AIRFIELD PARTIALLY CLOUD COVERED. CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES.

LOS CANOS AIRFIELD 2004N 07509W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE LIAISON-TYPE ON TAXIWAY. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN RUNWAY OR

FACILITIES SINCE

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MANZANILLO AIRFIELD 2019N 07708W

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AIRCRAFT -- 3 PROBABLE LIAISON.
RUNWAY BEING SURFACED. NO OTHER APPARENT
CHANGE SINCE

25X1D

SIGUANEA AIRFIELD 2138N Ø8257W

25X1D

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AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. RUNWAY SERVICEABLE.
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE

-PORTS-

BARACOA PORT 2021N 07430W

VESSELS — SEVERAL SMALL FISHING CRAFT. 25X1D
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE
NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY NOTED.

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CASILDA PORT 2145N Ø7959W

VESSELS — ONE LARGE FREIGHTER AT QUAY AND ONE LARGE FREIGHTER ANCHORED JUST EAST OF HARBOR ENTRANCE. CARGO ON BOARD FREIGHTER AT QUAY INCLUDES 2 CANVAS—COVERED MISSILE TRAILERS, 2 UNIDENTIFIED CANVAS—COVERED VEHICLES, AT LEAST 2 VANS, A NUMBER OF UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES ARE IN THE FORWARD HOLD OF THE SHIP. APPROXIMATELY 6Ø VEHICLES, 25 OF WHICH ARE TRUCKS/VANS, ARE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE QUAY.

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CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

VESSELS -- 3 FREIGHTERS TIED UP AT DOCKS, AND NUMEROUS SMALLER CRAFT.
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE

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GUAYABAL PORT 2041N 07737W

VESSELS -- A FEW SMALL CRAFT SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE

HARBOR.

NO DEFENSES. UNDERWATER OBSTACLES. MINES, NETS, OR

CONCENTRATION OF EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE 25X1D

JURAGUA PORT 2208N 08031W

VESSELS -- 3 OR 4 SMALL CRAFT SCATTERED THROUGHOUT

HARBOR AREA.

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE

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NUEVA GERONA NAVAL PORT 2153N Ø8248W

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VESSELS -- ONE COASTAL PASSENGER VESSEL, ONE BARGE, SEVERAL FISHING CRAFT, AND NUMEROUS SMALL BOATS. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN PORT FACILITIES SINCE NO CRATED CARGO NOTED ON WHARF.

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-LANDING BEACHES-

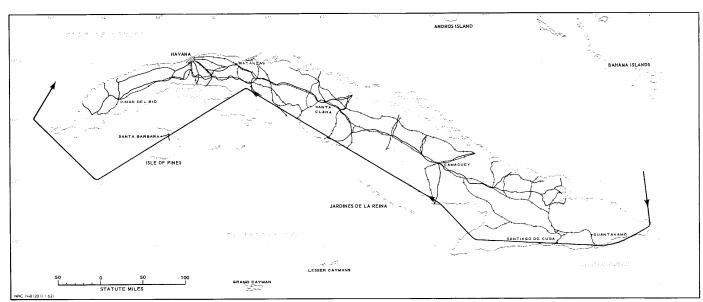
PLAYA YATERITAS, LANDING BEACH 1958N Ø7457W

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NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

THERE ARE NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT ITEMS TO REPORT.



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